



Ground-Breaking at Little River Casino Resort



Last Monday, Ron Pete, LRRCR General Manager and Connie Waitner, Assistant General Manager along with Board Chairwoman Elaine Porter welcomed the public to the official ground-breaking for the renovation to the resort. Ogema Romanelli and all of Tribal Council joined in to turn the first 'spade of dirt' for this exciting news.

The renovation is expected to be finished in the Spring of 2016

Wellness Walk cancelled! Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Wellness Walk sponsored by Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health on July 4th has been cancelled. The Wellness Walk will be rescheduled at a later date, please watch the Rapid River News for future announcements.

Tribal Council Contact Information! Current contact information for the seated LRBOI Tribal Council members may be seen on page 12 of this Rapid River News.

Website: The Tribal Government is working to create a new tribal website. As part of that process, we are looking for your input. Here is a link which will take you to a survey. Please follow it and give us your thoughts about our tribal website: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LittleRiverWebsite>

June Currents is online! Follow this link: <https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/currents/2015/Currents%20-%20June%202015.pdf>

2015 Jiingtamok at LRBOI! Tribal Historical Preservation has announced that the Pow Wow this year will be on July 4th and 5th at the Gathering Grounds in Manistee. Grand entries will be on Saturday the 4th at noon and 7 p.m. and on Sunday the 5th at noon. See page 8 for updated details!

LRBOI Annual Budget Meeting scheduled. The annual meeting will be August 8th from 9 a.m. until noon at the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center.

LRBOI Warrior and Elder John Pete receiving medals! Congressman Dan Benishek is going to be at the VFW (Filer Township) presenting medals to Veterans who had not received them. Mr. Pete served in WWI. The ceremony is June 29th at 5 p.m.

Elder Committee Meetings! Elder Committee Meeting Schedule has changed for the months of July and August. July 11th at Noon @ Aki; August 8th at Noon @ Aki . Please make a note and share the information.

Indian Village Camp details announced! See details on this years' camp on pages 6 and 7.

Tobacco Plants! Patrick Wilson in Peacemaking has a flat of tobacco plants. If you would like 1-2, see him at the Justice Center. They will be available after June 16th.

News , updates and recent announcements from our tribe, calendar of events, flyers, prayers and more information.

Please note that: Hyperlinks are scattered throughout the RRN .These 'links' take you direct to documents, websites and further Information that you can use.

Just click on them or copy and paste them in your browser for more info!



Enrollment in Muskegon June 23rd!

The Enrollment Department will be at the **MUSKEGON OFFICE TOMORROW, JUNE 23, 2015, from 10 to 5 p.m.** with their Tribal Identification Machine. Any person who needs a new Tribal Card, or has an expired Tribal I.D. card can get new card at that time. Make sure you bring your Old Tribal I.D. Card, a Driver's License or picture I.D. The cost for a new Tribal I.D. is \$5.00.

The Enrollment Department will bring Forms for Direct Deposit, Beneficiary Forms, Change of Address Forms. Remember the Enrollment Department will only be in Muskegon for one day, and that is Tuesday, June 23.

If you have other questions, or need help please call the Enrollment Department at 231-398-6720; 398-6713; 398-6712.

Other Upcoming Items, Dates & Announcements

(For details, see previous Rapid River News, Facebook or **Currents** issues)

- **Cooking Matters Starts!** June 23rd Classes start at Aki. See page 11.
- **Hilt's Landing!** June 25th, 507 p.m. Hilt's Landing Donor Gala & Park Tour
- **Housing Commission Info Meeting!** June 27th from 9-noon at Community Center
- **Great American Camp Out (for kids)!** June 28-29
- **Traditional Feast!** July 1st at 4 p.m. there will be a Traditional Feast at the Gathering Grounds. All pipes are welcome! Please bring a traditional dish to pass.
- **2015 LRBOI Jiingtamok!** July 4th and 5th in Manistee at the Gathering Grounds. See pg 8
- **Indian Village Camp!** July 10-12 and August 7-9. See page 6-7 for details
- **Elder Committee Meeting** Schedule has changed for the months of July and August.
July 11th at Noon @ Aki, August 8th at Noon @ Aki
- **2015 Language Camp!** July 25-26. See the flyer in past issues and in the **Currents**
- **Annual Budget Meeting!** The meeting will be August 8th from 9-noon, Community Center
- **Membership Meeting Dates for 2016-2017:** (Call the hotel at Ph: (231) 723-1535 or Toll Free at 1-888-568-2244 for reservations)
 - 2015—Fall meeting, October 10, 2015
 - 2016 – April 9, 2016 & October 8, 2016
 - 2017 – April 8, 2017 & October 7, 2017
- **Annual Elder Conference** is November 7th & 8th and Christmas Party December 5th



Tribal Court Docket

Court Docket

Key:		FJ	Foreign Judgment	NA	Neglect Abuse
CO	Cora Offense/Conservation	FSJ	Foreign Support Judgment	NC	Name Change
CS	Child Support	GA	Gaming Appeal	PF	Probate
CT	Civil Ticket	GC	General Civil	PPO	Personal Protection Order
DM	Divorce with children	GM	Guardianship of Minor	TA	Trust Access
DO	Divorce w/o children	GR	Employment Matter	TM	Tribal Misdemeanor
EA	Enrollment Appeal	JC	Judicial Complaint	WC	Workmen's Compensation
EB	Election Board Appeal	JV	Juvenile		
EM	Emancipation of Minor	LT	Landlord Tenant		

Monday, June 22, 2015

Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	LRB v. Metzger, A.	15042TM Sentencing
11:00 a.m.	Neglect/Abuse	11223NA Review
01:15 p.m.	Guardianship	13125GM Motion Hrg.
02:00 p.m.	Davis v. Wolfe	15093TPO Motion Hrg.

Friday, June 26, 2015

Judge Sherigan

09:00 a.m.	Rivers v. Cudzilo	12180 DP Motion Hrg.
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Monday, June 29, 2015

Judge Bailey

09:30 a.m.	LRB v. Smith	15036TM Sentencing
10:00 a.m.	LRB v. De Bres	09274TM Arraignment
10:30 a.m.	Sam v. LRCR	14211GC Trial

LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found on-line and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity.

www.lrboi-nsn.gov

Rapid River News Weekly—Tribal Government Buildings—By calling the HR Department

Current Job Postings			
Job Title	Department	Open Date	Close Date
Conservation Officer	Public Safety	6-12-15	6-26-15
Deli Attendant	Trading Post	6-12-15	6-19-15
Staff Attorney	Legal	6-12-15	6-26-15
Administrative Assistant I	Enrollment	6-17-15	6-26-15

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

An application must be submitted, resumes and cover letters are strongly encouraged.

Applications will remain active for a period of 6 months after receipt of your application. Please contact the Human Resource Department if you are unsure if you have an active application.

When you see a job that you would like to apply for please contact Alyce Giltz at Phone: (231) 398-6859, Fax: (231) 398-9101 or E-mail: agiltz@lrboi-nsn.gov This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. .

You can download the [Employment Application](#) and send it in by postal mail, e-mail, fax or hand deliver it if you choose. Applications are kept active for 6 months. Tribal Preference is applied to all positions.

What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check “temporary” or place “temp pool” on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration. It’s a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills. **Indian Preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions.** Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to: **LRBOI Human Resources**

2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660F

Fax: (231) 398-9101 E-mail: agiltz@lrboi-nsn.gov Phone: (231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288

(Cultural & Government related items)

Warriors Society: Wanted...Veterans who want to actively participate in the Little River Band Warrior Society. Please email vjohnson@lrboi.com for an application and/or additional information.

We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events. Please consider becoming active or joining and being an active member. The Warrior Society meets the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Aki Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meetings are usually followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.



Commission Openings! Please note that Tribal Members living outside the Manistee Area are also encouraged to apply for the Commissions and Committees! The tribe continues to seek applications from tribal members interested in serving on any commission or committee of the tribe. Ogema Romanelli has asked for members to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the various Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact Mary Thomas (extension 6824) in the Ogema's office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered.

Please send the letter and application to the attention of Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, Office of the Ogema, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660.

"I am particularly fond of the little groves of oak trees. I love to look at them, because they endure the wintry storm and the summer's heat, and, not unlike ourselves, seem to flourish by them."

-- Sitting Bull, SIOUX

Every season, Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter, has gifts that it gives to all creatures. The animals will develop thicker furs just before Winter and will shed this fur in the Spring. Squirrels will store their food in the Fall; other animals build up fat so they can hibernate during the Winter. We can watch all forms of nature and see all creatures work in harmony with the seasons. The secret for us is to learn by observing nature. Watch the trees. Learn from them. We human beings need to learn the gifts and blessings of the seasons.

**Grandfather, Grandmother, teach me to live in harmony
with the seasons.**

INDIAN VILLAGE CAMP 2015

July 10-12 and August 7-9

Three Days and Two Nights: "Cultural Teachings and Wilderness Living Immersion Camp"

All Tribes are Welcome!

Between meals are organized activities. There are hardly ever any down times when there is not a scheduled activity. Scheduled activities are secondary to group dynamics and the situational need for talking circles, conflict resolution or personal human situations that always occur without planning. Talking Circle Communication takes precedent over the need to present crafts or disseminate educational information. All activities have several layers of importance, the skill itself, the networking of the group through peer interaction, the philosophy of the activity, and how it applies to the real world and to their real lives.

ELIGIBILITY: Male and Female: Ages 12-17

Parent or Guardian must apply for the youth participant to be approved to attend the camp. Application forms are available from the Peace-making Probation Department of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. This is a rustic wilderness camp. Youth must be physically able to participate in normal camping type activities and be in good health. Exceptions for disabilities or injuries can be made with approval. Violent or sex offender youth are prohibited from attending this camp for the safety of other participants.



Indian Village Campground

The camp is designed for: Tribal Member Youth, Tribal Descendants and Traditionally Recognized Non-Members (Members of the family who are directly related to tribal member/s, such as by marriage, adoption, or other justifiable circumstance, or are a recognized part of a tribal community even if not by blood, etc.) We also extend the eligibility to include descendants and members from other tribes.

ACTIVITIES THAT ARE PRESENTED INCLUDE

FIRE: Bow Drill Fire-making, Demonstrations of alternate methods of Fire-making such as flint and steel and using magnesium shavings, using a lens to make fire, piston fire, fire tinder like birch bark and cedar bark, collecting proper kinds of wood, how to maintain a fire, different uses of a fire such as utility fire and sacred fire. All participants are asked to collect firewood and at different times to be a fire-keeper.

CLAY: Different clay projects include pinch and coil pottery, animal fetishes, beads, amulets or wall hangings, Traditional pottery projects are pit fired to harden clay.

BEADWORK: Different types of beadwork projects are presented, lazy stitch and appliqué. Sometimes beadwork is used to decorate other projects.

LEATHERWORK: Personal medicine bundles or larger medicine carrying pouches are made and sewn together, sometimes with necklace or fringe attachments.

BIRCH BARK: Numerous birch bark projects are made including baskets, decorative rings, scratching winter bark designs, and tubular containers, making birch oil and how to collect birch materials.



RUNDOWN OF A BASIC INDIAN VILLAGE CAMP SESSION BY ACTIVITY

Participants are dropped off at Indian Village, a rustic and remote recreation of an Indian encampment with longhouses, round houses and individual sleeping wigwams for participants. Spring water is brought in for drinking and an onsite hand pump well is used for additional water. Food is stored on ice in coolers. Equipment is stored in two pull behind trailers. Male and Female trained staff are onsite at all times. Upon arrival participants are assigned a personal wigwam and necessary camping equipment; Staff receives medications from parent/guardian and lock in secure area; paperwork and release forms for each participant are stored; at this time there is notification to staff of any special needs-allergies disabilities-diet- potential behavior problems; The first organized event is a lunch followed by a welcoming Pipe Ceremony; We have an Introduction Circle with a name memorizing game; We go over camp rules and expectations of behavior; We explain Talking Circle guidelines and how to address conflicts or problems with staff and peers; We discuss personal hygiene requirements, fire rules and fire safety and give an overview of some of the cultural and craft activities; Each participant is expected to cook, to clean, and to offer a food blessing at some point during the camp session; We explain about cooking and cleaning – which is done by youth participants with guidance of adult staff; Explain that other camp work duties will be expected as the need arises. Youth participants must sleep in individual wigwams, cook meals over a fire as a group, participate in camp chores and meal clean-up and maintain personal hygiene using solar showers. Bathroom facilities are porta-johns. No electronic devices are allowed. Trained Staff, including Tribal Elders and Tribal Government Employees, Male and Female at all times, are onsite to supervise all camp activities. Night Watch Staff watch the camp all night for safety.

Sponsored by the LRBOI Tribal Court, Peacemaking Department and Donations from the 2015 Little River Casino Resort Charity Golf Outing.

CONTACT: Patrick D. Wilson 231-398-2239 (Forms will be posted on Tribal Website)



Fireworks coming to LRBOI!

Tribal Member George Metzger is once again bringing his great selection of Fireworks to tribal lands over the holiday.

He was given his permit on June 19th. He is shown here with Detective Sergeant James Grabowski receiving his license. George will be set up by the Trading Post. Let's all support another great tribal member business!



George & Detective "Grubba"



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

20th Annual Jiingtamok

July 4 & 5, 2015

Host Drum:

Dusty Bear

Co-Host Drum:

Urban Nation

Invited Drums:

Spirit Lodge

Red Cedar

War Party

Swirling Wind

**Sons of the
Three Fires**

**Southern
Straight**

Rizing Bear

Show-Up Drums

**First 5 Onsite &
Registered**

Tribal Gathering Grounds

(Corner of US-31 & M-22 across the street from the Little River
Casino Resort and behind the Trading Post gas station)

Manistee, MI

Grand Entries:

Saturday: 12pm & 7pm

Sunday: 12 pm

Free Parking & No Admission Fee

Native American Food Available

Native American Arts & Crafts Vendors

Bleacher seating available, but feel free to
bring your own chairs. **NO** alcohol, drugs,
weapons, and pets except service animals.

Drum & Dancing Competitions

Throughout the Weekend

All Dance Categories Male & Female

55+ years 1st : \$300 2nd: \$200

18-54 years 1st: \$300 2nd: \$200

12-17 years 1st: \$150 2nd: \$75

6-11 years 1st: \$75 2nd: \$50

Drums 1st: \$2,500 2nd: \$1,500

Head Veteran:

George Martin

Head Dancers:

Paul Syrette

Renee Diehlman

**Frank & Leslie
Lewis**

Emcee:

Philip Memberto

Arena Director:

Andre

Neebnagezhick

Dance Judges:

Dave & Punkin

Shananaquet

**Public
Welcome!**

Drum Information: Call Philip Memberto at (315) 925-9545

Other Information: Call 1-888-723-8288



Good information from Tribal Public Safety!



Heat Safety: Children, Pets and Cars



Already this year, **15** children have died from heatstroke after being left in a car.

Effects of heat are **more severe** on children because their bodies warm at a faster rate than adults.



Did you know??

In just **2 minutes**, a car can rise from a safe **80°** to an unsafe **94°**!

Elapsed Time	Feels Like
0 min	80°
10 min	99°
30 min	114°
60 min	123°

For more information regarding heat risk:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/heat/index.shtml#car>

Safety Tips

- **NEVER** leave your child or pet unattended in a car (even with the windows down).
- **ALWAYS** make sure all children (and pets) have left the car. Never leave a sleeping infant in the car.
- Make sure safety restraints aren't too hot before securing your child.

**National Weather Service
Denver/Boulder**

Vehicle Temperature

Outside	Inside	Time to Reach
75	100	10 minutes
75	120	30 minutes
85	90	5 minutes
85	100	7-10 minutes
85	120	30 minutes
100	140	15 minutes



Kwewok Circle

You can become a Princess!

Requirements to apply
Age 13-18
Single, no dependents
Full regalia
Must have knowledge of
customs and traditions,
will have to write a short Bio
about yourself. Share goals,
ambitions, education,
family, your interest and
hobbies

Must be Little River or
a descendent

You will be judged
on traditional
knowledge, Dance,
Personal interview.

For information on
how to apply call
Kwewok Circle
231-510-2424
Deb Davis

Miss LRBOI Princess Angel Shaw 2014-15



Imagine yourself being crowned Miss LRBOI Princess

What an honor!

You will travel to make personal appearances to represent the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, as a role model for our people and the other young ladies aspiring to become princess.

You will receive a Crown, Sash, Flowers, a photo shoot and many extras including being treated as royalty. The runners up will receive a sash, flowers

MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION



Cooking Matters Nutrition Classes

Taught by a Chef and Nutritionist

Classes start June 23rd at 1:30 pm at Aki Community Center Limited space is available, reserve your spot now!

Classes are Free of charge!

Participants will receive a cookbook and groceries to make meals at home!

**** 6 Week Program / 2 hours per class each week****

Topics

Healthy Snacks

Shopping Smart

Food Safety at Home

Cooking Tips from the Chef

Planning Balanced Meals

Tips for Eating Out

For more information or to sign up for class please contact Noelle Cross - Elder Meals Program Administrator

Kitchen Phone 231-398-2813 / Office Phone 231-398-6886

Sponsored by the Members Assistance Department – Title VI Elder Meals Program

Tribal Council Contact List

Here is a list of the LRBOI Tribal Council members and their personal contact information:

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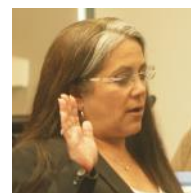
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To contact your Tribal Council Representatives, here is a listing of their phone numbers and email addresses. If you wish to mail them, please use the address of: LRBOI Government Center, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee MI 49660



Departments	Location	Director or main phone numbers
Accounting	government center -main entrance	231.398.6868
Be-Da-Bin	government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6741
Commerce	government center -main entrance	231.398.6815
Commodities	aki maadiziwin -community center	231.398. 6715
Education	government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6735
Enrollment	government center-main entrance	231.398.6712
Fitness Center	government center-lower level	231.398.6636
Family Services	government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6734
Gaming Commission	Old Casino Building	231-723-7755
Grants Department	government center- main entrance	231.398.6843
Health Clinic	government center -north end	231.398.6600
Historic Preservation	government center-lower level	231.398.6893
Housing	aki maadiziwin -gommunity center	231.398.6879
Human Resources	government center- main entrance	231.398.6807
Members Legal Asst.	justice center on M22	231.398.2234
Members Assistance	government center-main entrance	231.398.6718
Natural Resources	9th street offices manistee	231-723-1594
Peacemaking/Probation justice center	on M22	231.398.2239
Planning Department	government center -main entrance	231.398.6810
Prosecutor	justice center on M22	231.398.2242
Public Affairs	government center- main entrance	231.398.6872
Public Safety	justice center on M22	231.398.2225
Tax Office	government center -main entrance	231.398.6874
Utilities/Waste Water	dontz road (near aki maadiziwin)	231.398.2285
Work Force Development	government center-main entrance	231.398.6842